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February 15, 2000
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

EllenAnn G. Sands
Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard, LLC
3500 North Causeway Boulevard
Suite 1442
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

Re: *Application by NOW Communications, Inc. (NOW) and Tel-Link, L.L.C. (Tel-Link) for Approval of an Asset Purchase Agreement*

Docket #00-00113

Dear Ms. Sands,

The Authority staff has reviewed this petition, in which NOW proposes to purchase the assets of Tel-Link, including its customer accounts, certifications and licenses. Based on Tennessee Attorney General Opinion No. 99-119, and because NOW and Tel-Link are both telecommunications providers with multi-state operations or certificates of authority, Authority approval of the proposed transaction is not required.

If Tel-Link wishes to cancel its Tennessee certification as part of this transaction, it will need to notify the Authority of this explicitly.

Thank you for informing the Authority of this matter. Please address any further questions to Rosie Gregory at (615) 741-2904 ext. 156.

Sincerely,

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary

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